

BRICKS IN PIECES

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Dear Members

This issue of our Club Magazine is dominated by Pirates. We hope you do not find it too much but we are very excited by this new collection theme and hope you will be too.

After all, it is the first completely new play theme in the LEGO range for 10 years, since we launched the LEGO Space sets back in 1979!

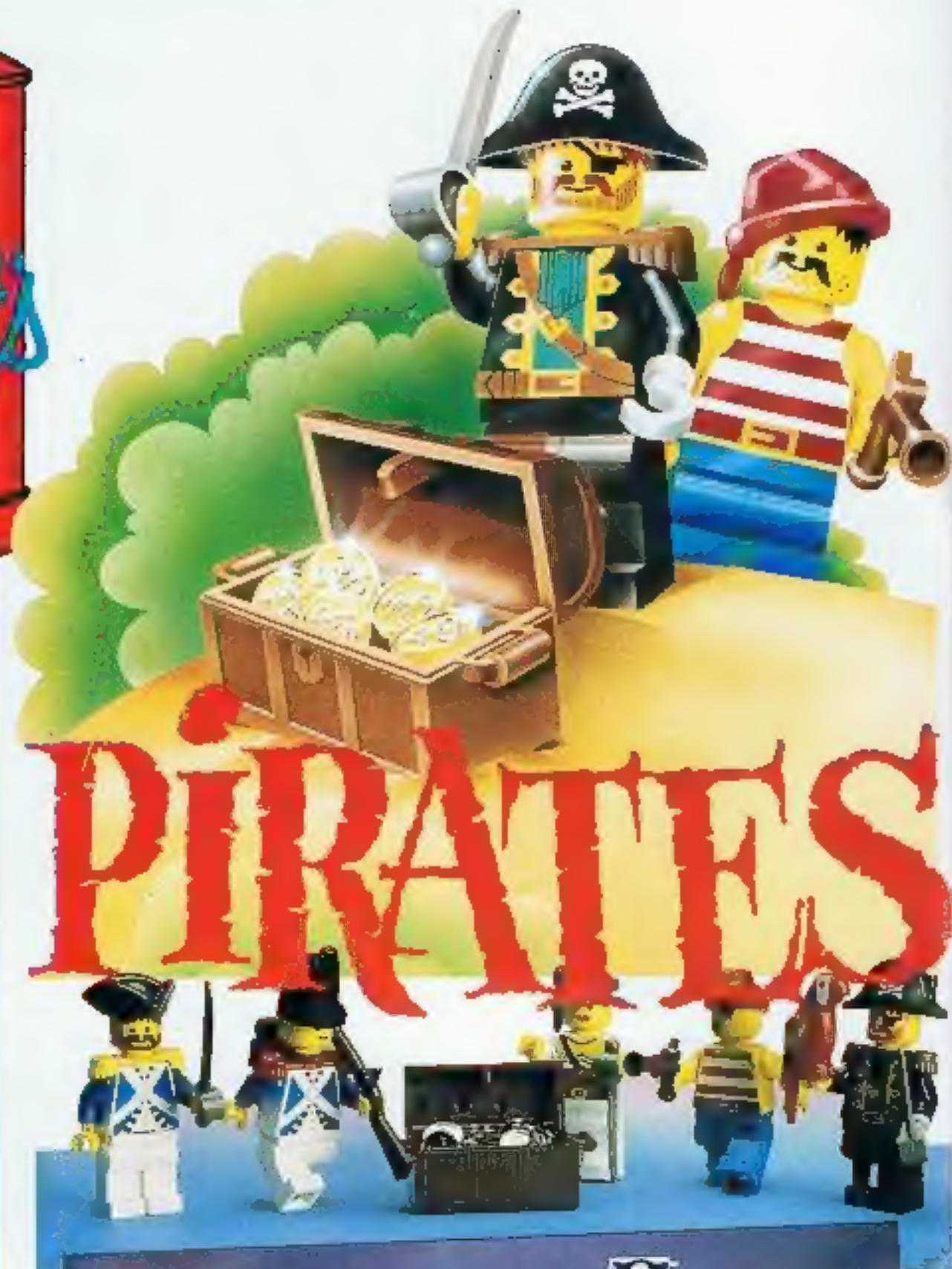
The new sets will be coming into the shops just about now so it is a very topical story too.

Even the story on page 8 about my brush with a crocodile has a sort of connection with pirates if you remember the crocodile which swallowed Captain Hook in Peter Pan.

I hope it gives you a good laugh!

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Pirates!

Here they come. A roistering, swashbuckling crew of treasure-hunting pirates, led by the notorious Captain Roger with his eye-patch, wooden leg and hooked fist.

Their ship, the Dark Shark prowls the seas under the Jolly Roger flag and has 4 powerful cannons. (Well, not that powerful really as they only "fire" one-stud round LEGO bricks from a spring-loaded mechanism which are completely safe to play with, but one can pretend . . .)

DUNGEON PIT

Not that they have it all their own way. For Governor Broadside and his soldiers do all they can to keep the peace. Although the Governor's ship The Sea Hawk only has 2 cannons, he does have the sturdy Fort Sabre as his headquarters. And that is equipped with a prison to keep any captured pirates under control - not to mention

a sinister dungeon pit carved in the "rock" for any really stropky prisoners.

SHARKS

Sometimes Captain Roger is not sure whether he is more afraid of that dungeon pit or the fearsome sharks with their snapping jaws! (See them in sets 6270 and 6287).

There are 10 sets to choose from at a wide range of prices plus a super comic-strip story book which comes with two figures, ready to act out the adventures told in the story.

All are coming into the shops right now, so here's wishing you good adventures!

1 6285 Around £67.00. The Pirate Ship "Dark Shark". Has 4 working cannons and a crew of 8. Captain's cabin contains a treasure chest and map. The rudder moves and the sails can be trimmed to the wind. Does not float.

2 6265 Around £9.00. Governor's bastion. Manned by 2 soldiers with a working cannon. Includes row-boat with a third soldier.

3 6260 Around £7.00. Pirates Treasure Island. The pirate guards the treasure chest of gold with a cannon.

4 6274 Around £35. Governor's Ship "Sea Hawk" with 2 working cannons to ward off pirates, a crew of 4.

5 6255 Adventure comic book with 2 figures.

6 6270 Around £22.00. Pirate Island with 4 pirates, look-out, prison, swaying palms, a monkey and a shark. The gold treasure is protected with a cannon, which can be fired.

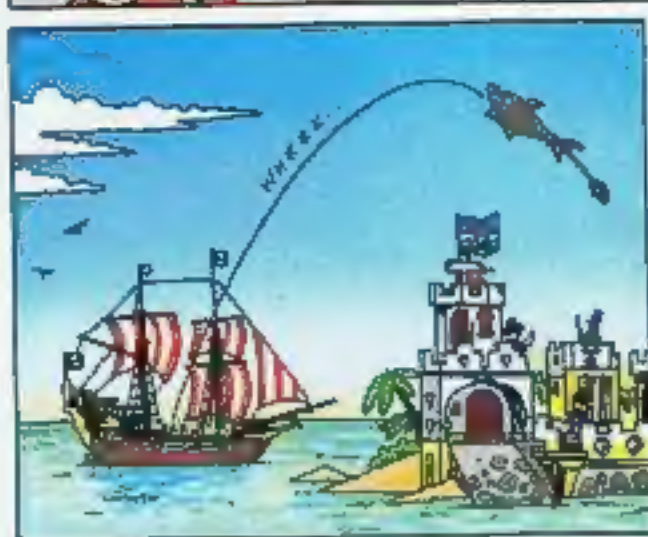
7 6276 Around £67.00. Governor's Fort Sabre with prison and dungeon for captured pirates. Has 6 soldiers, cannon, crane, palm tree and treasure chest with gold, etc.

8 6235 Around £1.50. Bo'sun Will with pirate gold and his monkey.

9 6257 Around £5.00. Pirates' Raft with Shark. 3 pirates on a raft of barrels followed by a shark.

10 6245 Around £2.50. Governor Broadside's Boat. The working cannon swivels to fire in all directions.





GREAT FREE COMPETITION
ON THE BACK PAGE,
ME HEARTIES!

Hello Again!

During the past few weeks, everyone here has been "living and breathing" Pirates! (See Workshop News).

It seems to have affected our brains, because our Building Idea is "Pirates" too!

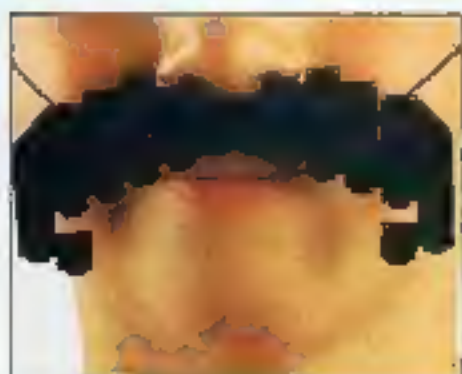
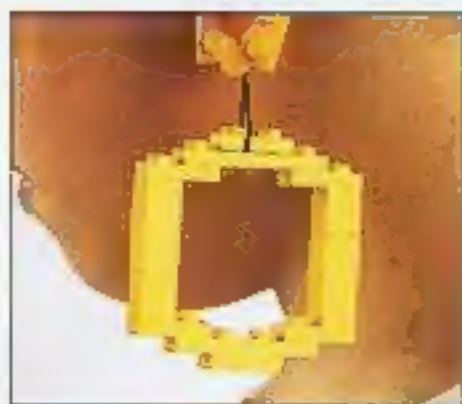
Andy is mad about anything to do with Pirates, so he's having loads of fun.

We have built a Pirate Moustache, Eyepatch and Earrings, have you any more ideas you'd like to share with us?

Elaine



BUILDING I D E A





A "Golden" MASTER goes to each of the models are shown photograph of a special telling us why and how you too could become your model is shown Bricks 'n'

ANOTHER GREAT COL

1 Raymond Cooke aged 8 from Middlesex sent us this picture of a red squirrel eating his dinner.

2 Timothy Manners aged 11 from Sussex enjoys building model people, built Marshmallow Man, Karate Kid, Ivan Lendl and Dennis the Menace.

3 Helen Moorcroft aged 8 from Liverpool built this model of a bridge and ships, with a little help from her best friend.

4 Stewart Eastbrook aged 9 from Essex is a keen piano player and has designed a treble clef with the help of a knitting pattern.

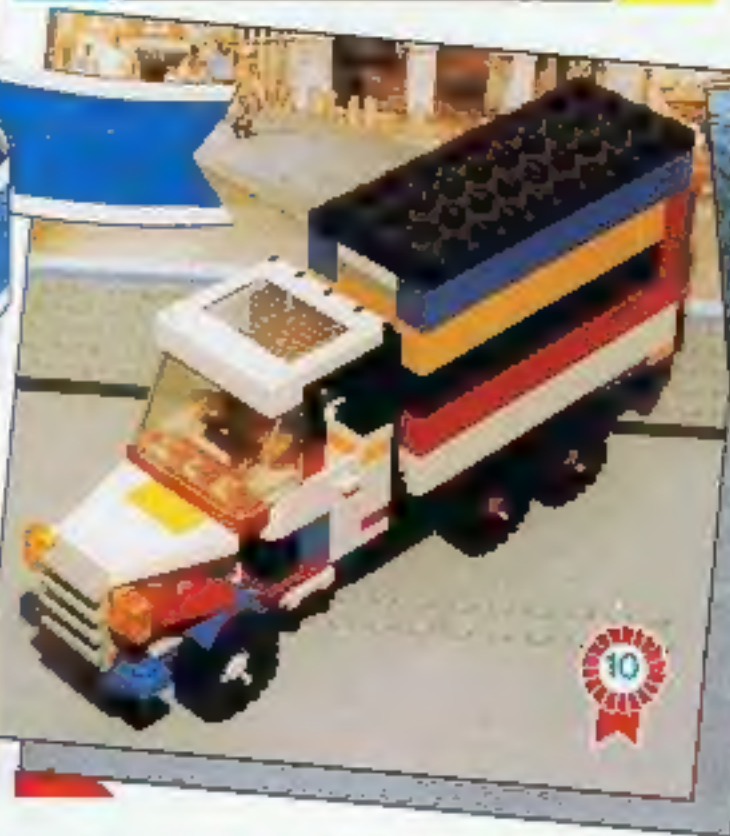
5 Timothy Marshall aged 10 from Hampshire says this scary little monster is really a money box. Timothy decided to build this because his other money box was too small.

6 Daniel Harvey aged 11 from Norfolk asks who recognises this little fella? Its Dopey out of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. Well done Daniel.

7 James Rampton aged 7 from Croydon sent us this picture of his model called 'Bag Of Bones'. James had this idea after reading a story about skulls and skeletons.



BUILDER BADGE
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SECTION OF WINNERS

8 Peter Gregory aged 10 from Liverpool sent this model of H.M.S. Victory, so its Ship Ahoy and all hands on deck.

9 Philip Dunbar aged 11 from Aberdeenshire sent this picture of a skateboard. Philip's favourite hobby is skateboarding, hence this action packed model.

10 James Newton aged 11 from Middlesex constructed this lorry when he was five. James has a great interest in cars and lorries.

11 David Fibbs aged 8 from Bristol is learning to play the piano at school, but at home he practises on his LEGO keyboard. It took 2½ hours to build.

12 Martin Bartek aged 8 from London took five days to build this ferry. It holds 35 cars 80 passengers and a train.

13 Gregory Smith aged 8 from Cheshire sent this excellent picture of an oil rig he designed. He used a rug dyed blue to look like the sea. Very Dramatic.

Well done!

Imagine the embarrassment of our colleagues in LEGO Germany! Having chosen Munich as the place for a meeting with LEGO Managers from France, Italy and U.K., they then set about planning a programme for the evening to entertain their international guests.

But this meeting took place in Holy Week before Easter so, in devoutly Catholic Bavaria most theatres and concerts were closed and the few remaining ones fully booked.

What to do? Then came inspiration: We'll go to the Circus!

Munich is the home of Circus Krone, probably the best circus in Europe, with its own purpose-built theatre. So off to the Circus we all went.

The first act was a lion tamer. Only he had tigers instead of lions. Thirteen of them to be exact. All in the cage at one time. We thought that was pretty sensational, little guessing that it was nothing compared to what was to follow!


The act which closed the first half was a man dressed in Arabian Nights style - turban, pointy shoes and a skimpy waistcoat which left his ample and hairy belly exposed. He showed that he had a mystic power over crocodiles by making hypnotic passes which rendered him able to make the beast lie helpless on its back and permit him to put his head into the fanged jaws etc.

All good stuff. But then he flopped a crocodile over the low barrier round the edge of the circus ring, made magic passes and left it there, glaring balefully at members of the audience only a metre away, with no cage, no bars and no safety net between the brute and the audience who seemed as hypnotised as the crocodile.

Mr. Ali Shazaam (or whatever his name was) then plonked a second beast on another section of the low barrier to terrorise another section of audience. Then a third... a fourth... a fifth etc.

Now it should be understood that our friends in LEGO Germany are not mean. When they take guests to the circus, they do it in style. The best seats in the house. And where are the best seats? You've guessed it. Ringside seats

THE ADVENTURES OF CROCODILE CLIVE



of course!

But when Mr. Shazaam trundled 2 metres of fanged horror straight towards me and flopped it over the barrier, I was not at all afraid. After all, why should I be? There were 5 crocodiles already in position, apparently frozen into hypnotised immobility. It was clearly a well rehearsed act with well trained animals and Circus Krone would not put their customers at risk, would they?

Well, would they?

I was not afraid even when Ali S went off to collect another while behind his back the crocodile started to slither over the barrier onto the ground at my feet. After all, this was just another well rehearsed trick to terrify the audience, wasn't it?

But then the brute put on a sudden turn of speed and shot forward, literally between my legs and disappeared under my seat. I still sat there, quite still. Petrified with horror. (Have you ever had 2 metres of scaly crocodile shoot between your legs?)

Things happened very quickly after that as patrons in the second row, then the third and fourth, leapt screaming to their feet or stood on their chairs, making it quite easy to track the progress of the brute through the theatre by the sort of human wave spreading through the audience.

Ali S leapt into the confusion, chasing the beast between peoples legs, to eventually catch it and wrestle it back into the ring, the sweat gleaming on his hairy belly. (Ali's belly that is, not

the crocodile!)

And what do you think sweaty Ali did then? He put the wretched thing back in its position on the barrier. After that I think he put up several more and did various other tricks with his scaly pets. But quite honestly I didn't take much notice. I was watching the crocodile. And the crocodile was watching me. Eyeball to eyeball with barely a metre between us and I could tell he didn't like me! Neither of us blinked until the end of the act and the whole collection of fanged monsters was recalled and bundled off by teams of strong men while big Ali salaamed and bowed.

Afterwards people said to me "Weren't you brave! Just to sit there..." I modestly pooch-pooched the affair with a casual, dismissive wave of the hand and smiled politely at jokes about Crocodile Dundee being re-named Crocodile Clive etc.

After all, I would not admit to a living soul that the reason I just sat there so bravely was that I was too terrified to move.

And you won't tell anyone, will you? But if you ever happen to overhear me boastfully saying "Just call me Crocodile Clive" you will be able to smile quietly to yourself and give a sly wink to any friend who also knows the truth...



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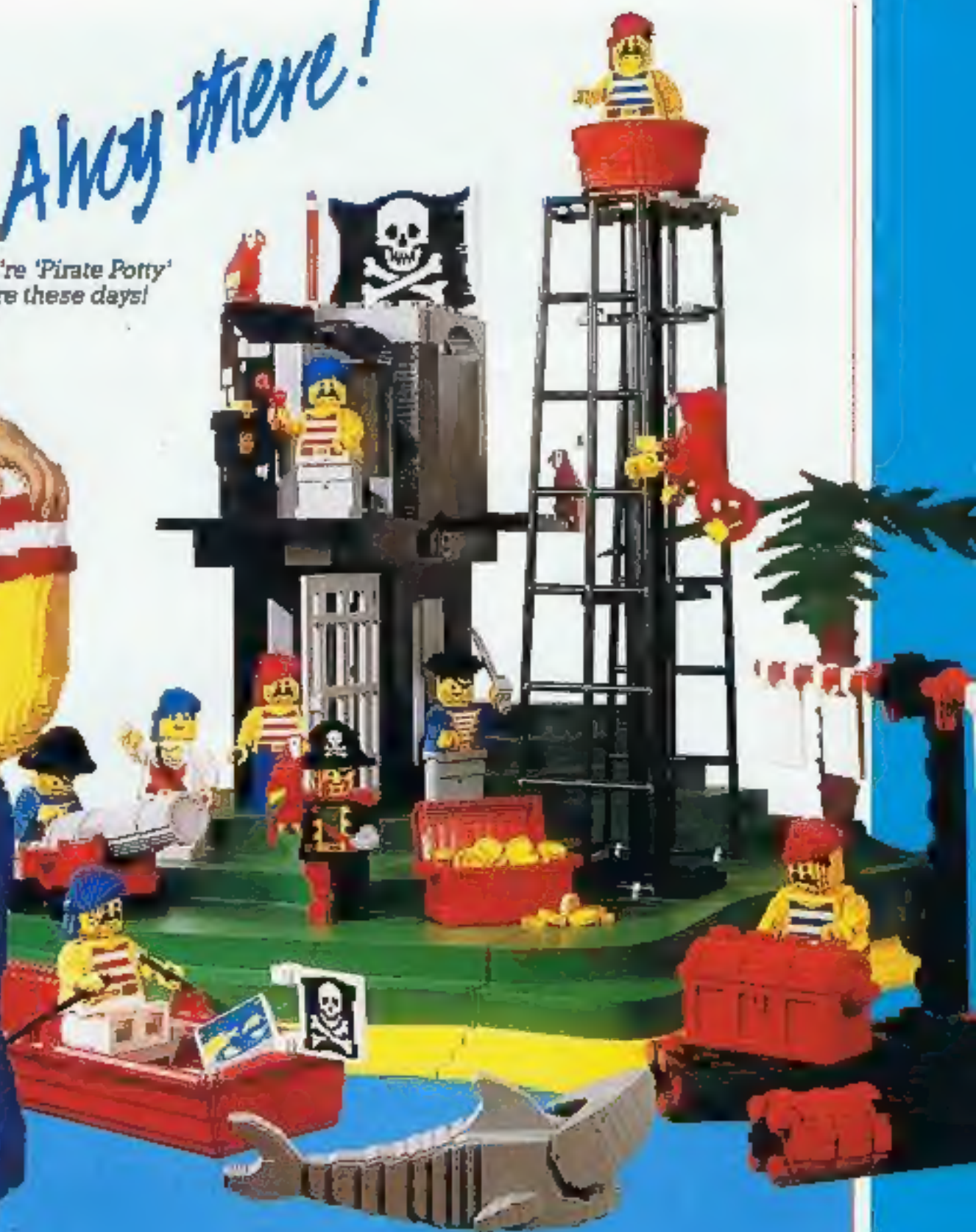
Jorvik Viking Centre, Coppergate, York.
Tel: (0904) 643211



WORKSHOP NEWS

Away there!

*We're 'Pirate Potty'
here these days!*



Aren't the New Pirate Sets exciting? We're building a Window Display based on Sets 6370, 6257 and 6260.

Our models are ten times bigger than the 'real' LEGO parts. We're having a lot of fun and have been surprised at how much detail we can get into the figures, even though they are only 43cm high.

The figures are animated so that the arms and heads move, the Shark opens and closes its mouth, the Pirate in the boat actually moves the oars and the Monkey moves on the rigging.

Those of you who live in London will be able to see the Display in Hamleys.



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BIRTHDAY COMPETITION

ANDREW WHITE
GLOUCESTERSHIRE
aged 10

winner

RUNNERS UP

- (1) MARK FOERANDER, HERTS aged 9
- (2) KAREN GASCOIGNE, COVENTRY aged 8
- (3) EMIL MATHIAS, BUCKS aged 10
- (4) ROBERT LEGGET, IPSWICH aged 9
- (5) WILLIAM STEVENS, LONDON aged 8½
- (6) KAREN SAVAGE, LONDON aged 9
- (7) LEO PESKETT, HANTS aged 9
- (8) KENNETH MEADOWS, WREXHAM aged 7
- (9) JANE HARRISON, LANCS aged 9
- (10) CHRISTOPHER RANDAK, GLASGOW aged 7
- (11) NICHOLAS THOMPSON, ESSEX aged 10
- (12) STEPHEN EASTON-CORKE, HANTS aged 10



- (13) MORGAN EVANS, SURREY aged 7½
- (14) CRAIG ISHERWOOD, LANCS aged 9

- (15) DAVID WATSON, TYNE & WEAR, aged 9
- (16) WILLIAM PIERCE, IPSWICH aged 8

- (17) REBECCA HEWITT, CHESTER aged 5½
- (18) ADAM GALE, LANCS aged 6
- (19) ROGER SALMON, SUFFOLK aged 13
- (20) ALEX BROADSFIELD, WORCS aged 10

SPACE MAZE COMPETITION

winners

Here is a list of 20 winners of the Spacemaze Competition.

ELIZABETH SHAW - Saltash
MARTIN HARRISON - Scunthorpe

CLARE SQUIRES - Coleshill

JONATHAN TURNER - Redditch
GARETH SIMKINS - Croydon
TOM BRADLEY - Lingfield
ROWAN PETCH - Hull
EMMA JEVONS - Birmingham
DAVID O'ROURKE - Swindon
CHRISTOPHER HARRIS - Bristol

TOM ADDIS - Argyle
IAIN ROWATT - Forres
D C BRIGGS - Wrenbury
JAMES LEE DAVIES - Llanelli
MARTIN KNÖPFLER - Walton
LLOYD FENNEL - Newport
GREGORY SMITH - Northampton
MATTHIEW KIELY - Crawley
RAYMOND COOKE - Moor Park, Middx
JETHRO KEEN - Stone



Stuart Baldwin - a keen LEGO builder from Thetford, sent us this picture of a jumper his mother designed and knitted.

Stuart enjoys building Technic LEGO as his favourite pastime.

JOKERS Corner

Steven Taylor from Altrincham sent us these jokes:-

(1) Why did the dinosaur cross the road?

Answer: Because chickens were not invented

(2) Which members of an orchestra can't you trust?
Answer: The Fiddlers

(3) Knock Knock; Who's there?; A Tish; A Tish-who? Bless you.

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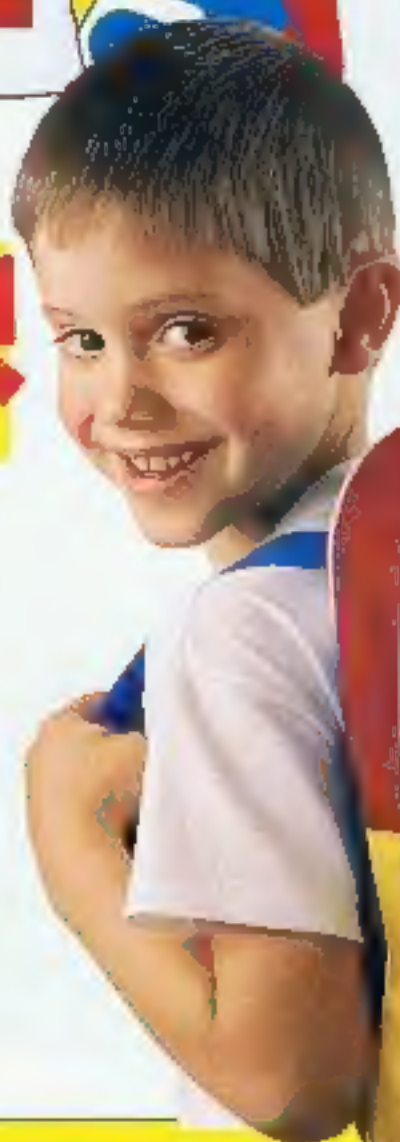
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It is 33cm tall, 27cm wide and has a separate pocket on the outside 27cm x 15cm.

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Competition Time



MAZE Competition

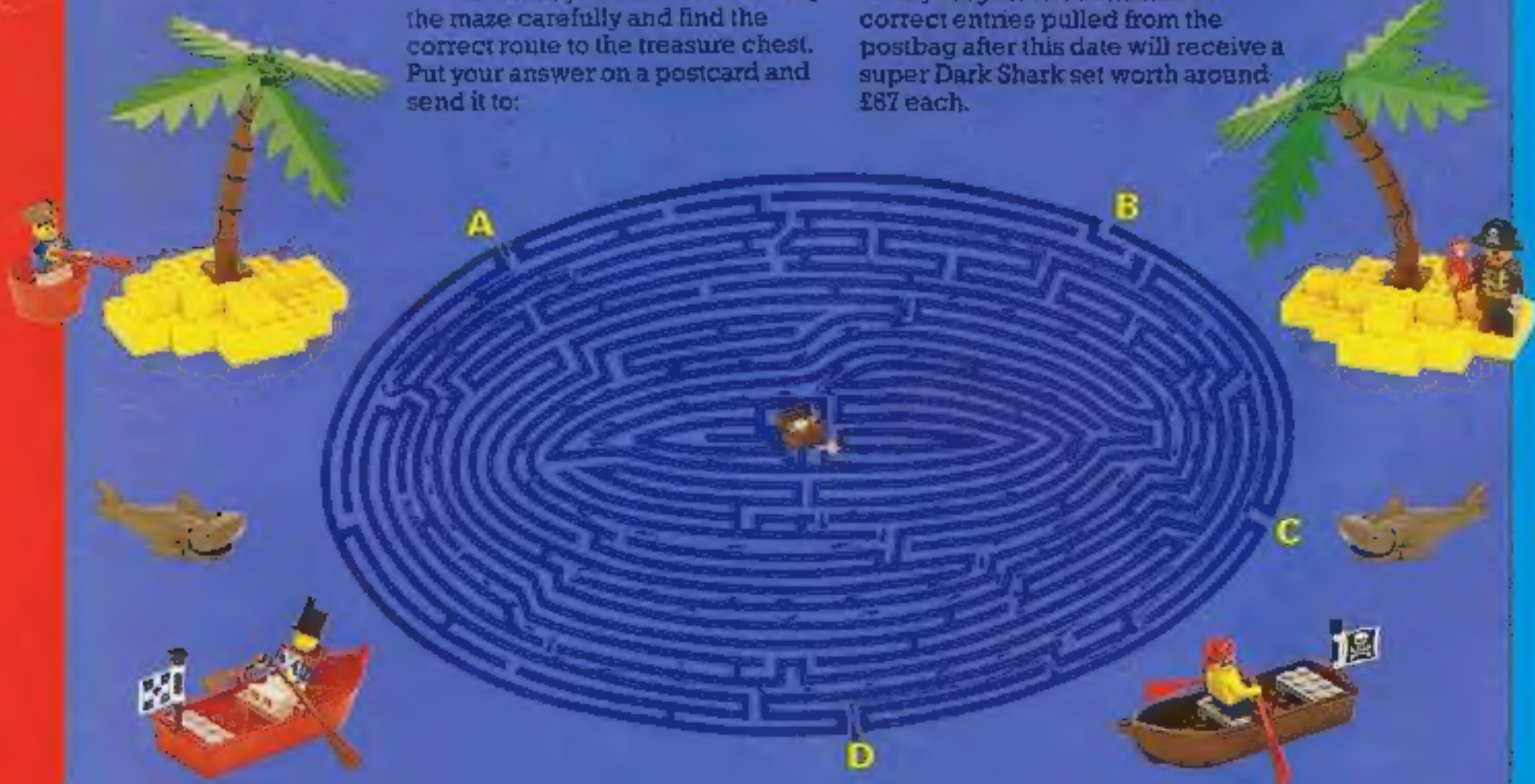
10 Dark Shark sets to be won. Worth around £67 each.

We have reserved 10 of the super new Pirate Ship 'Dark Shark' sets for the winners in our Pirate Treasure Hunt competition.

To enter, you will need to study the maze carefully and find the correct route to the treasure chest. Put your answer on a postcard and send it to:

Pirate's Treasure Competition
The LEGO Club
Wrexham
Clwyd
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Make sure your entry arrives by Friday August 18th. The first 10 correct entries pulled from the postbag after this date will receive a super Dark Shark set worth around £67 each.



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